

**REMARKS**

New claims 29 and 30 are presented to afford a varying scope of protection for the invention.

**REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW**

Applicants respectfully request that Examiner Patel grant an interview to discuss the status of prosecution and particularly what are believed to be legitimate and sufficient features patentably distinguishing the pending claims as presented herein over the art of record.

A further issue for discussion arises in the Examiner's Advisory Action mailed November 8, 2004, in which the Examiner asserts that claim 27 as amended "does not reflect Examiner's interpreted meaning as outlined in paragraph 1 of the Final Rejection." Clarification is requested.

Applicant's counsel would appreciate hearing from the Examiner as soon as possible upon his return, on or about January 3, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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